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BOARD OPINION

OBRA SCREENING BY THE PHYSICAL THERAPIST'S ASSISTANT

- 1) The physical therapist's assistant may collect data regarding the patient's disability status.
- 2) The physical therapist must provide the determination of rehab potential, need for evaluation, and must be the professional signing this determination.

The physical therapist's assistant may not interpret data collected for OBRA rehabilitation screening, give the final determination of the patient's rehab potential, or make the determination of the patient's need for a PT evaluation.

This board opinion is based on 201 KAR 22:053 Section 4, Standards of Practice for the physical therapist's assistant (4) & (5):

"(4) Upon direction from the physical therapist, gather data relating to the patient's disability, but not determine the significance of the data as it pertains to the development of the plan of care;

(5) Refer to the physical therapist inquiries that require an interpretation of patient information related to rehabilitation potential;"